

Droitwich Arts Network News July 2022



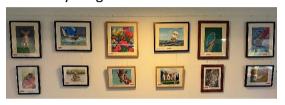
New DAN Exhibition Venue



On Saturday (18th June) **Steve Evans, Derek Webster**, and **Rhys Jones** installed our picture hanging systems on walls in the two waiting rooms at Corbett Medical Centre. They also hung pictures provided by **Chris Walker** and **Steve Evans**.

Rhys says "We were able to work out how many pictures could be displayed only once the tracks and cords were in place. In one room we had originally estimated 3 pairs of cords taking 3 pictures in each column. That might have worked if all the pictures had landscape

frames, but it was not possible to include portrait frames. We decided on 4 pairs of cords, each taking two pictures. A total of 8 pictures in that room. The wall in the other room is larger. We actually installed 6 pairs of cords each taking two pictures, a total of 12 pictures in that room. We were asked not to have pictures within the reach of young children.



Attached are photos of the two walls. These pictures will remain in place until the end of July. The pictures are for sale and every picture shows the price and



contact details of the artist. Derek is working out the forward schedule. This

information is already on the website and will now be published on Facebook, Instagram, and in the Newsletter.

During early discussions with the Practice Manager, the hope was expressed that the artists could make donations to the Practice for displaying their work. Details of the way in which payments should be made will be sent out shortly."

Events to come!

NORBURY THEATRE: LEGALLY BLONDE – THE MUSICAL" Presented by Imaginary Friend Theatre Company **29**th **June – 2**nd **July 7.30pm.**

The Norbury Players proudly present an amateur production: Legally Blonde Music and Lyrics by Laurence O'Keefe and Nell Benjamin Book by Heather Hach

Based on the novel by Amanda Brown and the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer motion picture

A fabulously fun international award-winning musical based on the adored movie, Legally Blonde

The Musical, follows the transformation of Elle Woods as she tackles stereotypes, snobbery and

scandal in pursuit of her dreams.

The action-packed musical explodes on the stage with memorable songs and dynamic dances. Equal parts hilarious and heart-warming, this musical is so much fun it should be illegal!

LOCAL ART EVENTS

Saturday 2 July from 12 pm: Music at Yew Trees Artist Studios, welcoming back local music teacher Laura Maddock and her talented young students for a musical afternoon. Address: Bevere Gallery, Bevere Lane, Worcester WR3 7RQ

Saturday 9 July, 10 am to 4 pm: Worcester artist Cherrie Mansfield is the Guest Artist at Yew Trees Artist Studios. Cherrie's bold, expressive abstract artwork features stunning colours, simply bursting off the wall! Address: Bevere Gallery, Bevere Lane, Worcester WR3 7RQ

Saturday 16 July, 2 pm to 4 pm: A musical afternoon at Yew Trees Artist Studios with Music by local band 'Air of the Dog' and Poetry & Music by 'Odetones'. Address: Bevere Gallery, Bevere Lane, Worcester WR3 7RQ **Saturday 23 July**: the Guest Artist at Yew Trees Artist Studios is local artist Lesley Styles whose paintings are inspired by nature. Her work is also influenced by her training in textile design. Address: Bevere Gallery, Bevere Lane, Worcester WR3 7RQ-

Jazz Anyone?

Stephen Evans writes "We enjoyed a wonderful evening of jazz on Friday evening (June 10th) at the Droitwich Jazz Club, Cutnall Green Memorial Hall, Addis Lane, Cutnall Green, Nr. Droitwich – WR9 ONE. Music was played

by a great band with six incredible musicians.



Anyone who enjoys listening to great live jazz music then the Droitwich Jazz Club is the perfect venue. A different band plays at the club on the first Friday of the month with admission £10 cash on the door. Door 7pm with music 8-10.30pm bring your own refreshments. Further enquiries please contact Richard or Pattie Leach – 07802 749458."

"This is a watercolour I painted of Richard Leach who is a jazz trombonist and also runs his own band, 'Richard Leach's Street Jazz Band'"

DAN Meetings 2022

- Thursday 14th July Art demo with Lyn Davies
- August tbc Visit to Museum of Carpet, Kidderminster
- Wednesday 14th September Poetry Evening led by former Worcester poet laureate Nina Lewis and International poetry winner Colin Jack
- October 19th/20th Published crime thriller author Carla Buckley
- Wednesday November 9th Workshop. Christmas wreath for door. Amanda Coldridge
- Thursday 8th December Play reading and light refreshments

Exhibitions by Members

At our usual venues Karen Harmon is exhibiting at Parks Café and also at The Button Tree during July.

Lyn Sharp has her last two weeks at **Droitwich Spa Library Gallery**, please leave your comments in her little black book when you pop in!

And if you are up in Scotland, the Pittenweem Arts festival is on and our own Colin Jack is getting ready! Pittenweem in the East Neuk of Fife is home to around 30 artists and craft designers. The festival was begun in 1982 by several of these resident artists. Each August since then, it has grown to include 100 or so artists and makers from all over Britain who exhibit in houses, studios, galleries and public spaces throughout the village. To view art in these surroundings makes a refreshing comparison to the constraints of conventional galleries.



High School Creative Writing Competition



Isobel Sprague (Year 10) is the winner of this year's Karen Moore Award for Creative Writing. She is pictured with ex Head Girl Katie Bowen who judged this year's prize and has just completed her second year at Oxford University, and Karen.

Isobel wins £100 (funded by Droitwich Arts Network) and a lovely trophy. Well done to over 40 students who entered and especially to runners up Rhiannon Eva and Mary Jane.

This is the fourth year that Droitwich Arts Network has sponsored the competition.

Creative Opportunity?

Jinny Ring Craft Centre: If you have ever fancied opening your own creative business, this could be the perfect opportunity for you! We have a couple of craft units becoming available over the next few months. Join our friendly community of craft-based businesses at a busy craft centre and restaurant in a stunning rural location (Hanbury near Bromsgrove/Droitwich, B60 4BU). To find out more, contact Amanda on enquiries@jinneyringcraft.co.uk or give her a call on 01527 821272.

CRAFT CORNER

Thank you to everyone who sent in their splendid craftwork photos. Well done all! Hopefully there is more talent out there and we are asking for more **CRAFT BASED WORK**. I just need photos of your craft work with any information you wish to disclose, to show in the coming newsletters. Send by email, <u>HERE</u>. **By 30**th **July.**

Helen Karakashia sent in a wonderful assortment of craftworks. Some we will save for next month.

Helen says "A vase knitted on 4 double pointed needles in a slub cotton yarn together with fine wire. It used to hold a bunch of knitted daffodils but now I use it for fresh flowers with a metal weight in the base and a drinking

glass inside to hold the water.



More from Helen "A selection of Cushions and bobbin lace light switch surround".



Lyn Shape wrote "I'm doing craft fair at Avoncroft so these are some of the items I have crafted "





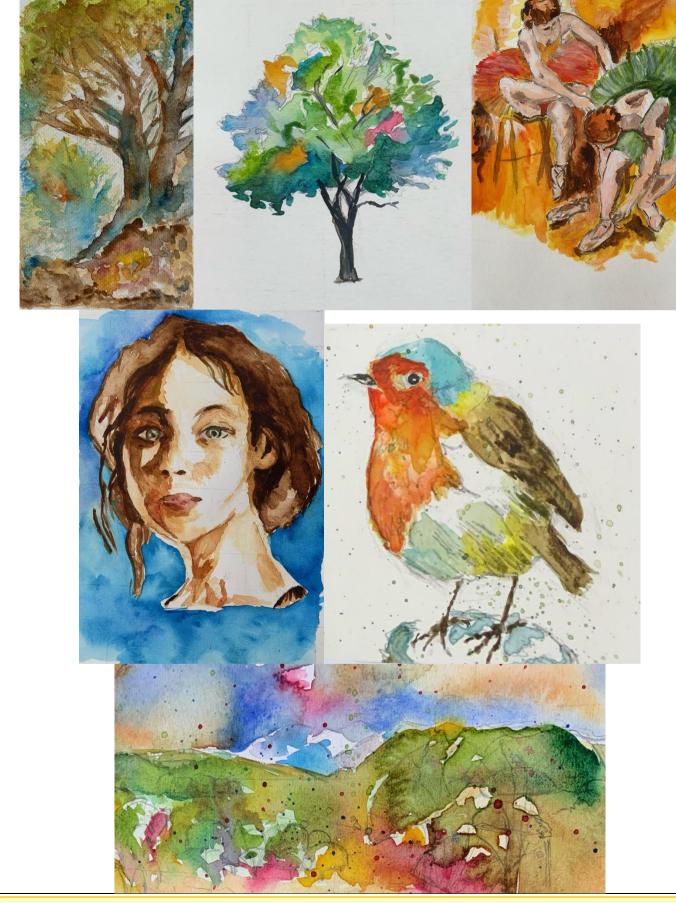


Karen Reed wrote "These are my crocheted comfort blankets for the charity Ladies Fighting Breast Cancer. It helped has helped to keep me sane during lockdown.





New Member Kim Kenny wrote "I am a new member and a complete beginner at watercolour. I completed an evening course, in Worcester and have attached some of my work." **Beautifully delicate work I am sure you will all agree!**



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